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## AUSTRIAN NOTE SHARES CENTER OF INTEREST

THE LONDON PAPERS SAY  
IT HAS "SHARP  
TONE"

## RUSSIAN SUCCESS IS NOT CONFIRMED

Critics Believe Muscovite Effort  
Prelude to Another Attempt  
on Constantinople.

London, Dec. 22.—The second American note to Austria, described in the London newspapers as of "sharp tone," shared the center of interest with the reports of the Russian capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black Sea port. While the news of Russian success is not officially confirmed, critics believe it a prelude to a new effort for Constantinople, less than 150 miles distant. The heaviest fighting on any front appears to be underway in the Vosges mountains at Hartmann-Willerkopf. The French captured an important position and 1,300 men there Tuesday, but the Germans claim they have regained some of the ground. Cessation of fighting seems to be complete along the eastern front. The Austrians report that the Italian attack on the Toinino bridgehead was repulsed.

Word is lacking on the progress of army of Field Marshal von der Goltz, said to be preparing for a march on Suez and Egypt. Quiet prevails, apparently, in the Dardanelles and Mesopotamia.

Without division the British parliament today voted to increase the strength of the British army to 4,000,000 men. The leading British bankers appealed to the nation to unite in the task of meeting the war's responsibilities.

Peace debates in the reichstag are said to have caused a hopeless split in the socialist party.

## COMMONS VOTED ARMY INCREASE

London, Dec. 22.—The British house of commons voted another million men, bringing the paper strength to four millions. With the increase Lieutenant-General Robertson, chief of the general staff, has been recalled from France to become chief of the imperial staff, replacing Lieutenant-General Murray, who will receive an important command. These changes are taken to mean a closer co-operation of the allies in the west.

The Teutonic powers are represented as taking full advantage of the moral effect produced by the withdrawal of the British forces from the Gallipoli and to be attempting again to swing Greece and Rumania to their side.

If the news of the bombardment of Varna is correct Russia is losing no time in an attempt to forestall these efforts. From several sources unofficial London has heard of the bombardment of the Bulgarian ports. Various dispatches state that Russian warships are accompanied by a fleet of transports.

Morning papers declare enough troops were landed to hold the town. Although the Greek elections have given a large majority to Gounaris, it is not believed here the change will have much effect on the attitude of Greece.

Along the western front the British official statement reports the Germans suffered heavy losses while exposing their forces in an attempt to occupy craters which the mines had opened along the front near Arras. Had weather hampered the French but a considerable portion of the German works on the Hartmann-Willerkopf have been carried.

Remains are reported to have been captured, indicating they are making an important advance into the Persian interior.

German Home Position.  
Berlin, Dec. 22.—Part of the German position on the subject of the Hartmann-Willerkopf in the Vosges was captured yesterday in the French but has been retained by the Germans as an official statement.

## INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The health department issued an investigation of the epidemic of influenza in the public schools. Eighty-five thousand children are afflicted.

## TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN WALL STREET

CONDITIONS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO GLOOM  
LAST YEAR

## BONUS GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES

All Forms of Celebration Indulged in Past Years to Be Resumed.

New York, Dec. 22.—As a result of general prosperity and brisk business in war shares, the financial district at Christmas presents a sharp contrast to the gloom of last year. Wall street institutions and banks have already distributed gifts or bonus to employees and many have adopted "profit sharing plans," averaging from ten to as high as fifty per cent of the annual salaries of employees. All former forms of celebration indulged in by the various exchanges will be renewed this year. The extent of Wall street prosperity is shown in sales this year of 173,000,000 shares against 47,000,000 last year.

## MAN ARRESTED SAID TO BE MISSING LINK

Chain of Evidence Proving  
Steamship Line Agent of  
German Government.

New York, Dec. 22.—Federal officials, investigating the alleged plot of Paul Koenig, Hamburg-American line detective, to blow up the Welland canal, declared that the arrest today of Edmund Justice, an employee of Koenig's, supplied the missing link in the chain of evidence proving that the steamship company was the financial agent of the German government in various ways.

## ALLEGED MURDER ON SCHOONER PENDELTON

Mayport, Fla., Dec. 22.—A schooner, believed to be the Mark Pendleton, St. Michael, Azores, to Mayport, on which Thomas Brown of Florida, is said to have been murdered while the vessel was en route from Norfolk to the Azores. It is reported on the bar tonight. The United States marshal has arranged for the quarantine officer to arrest the crew.

## NO PREDICTION MADE AS TO CANAL OPENING

Washington, Dec. 22.—A war department statement issued tonight says that no prediction could be made as to when a stable channel would be opened in the Panama canal. The statement was prepared from recent information from Colonel Goetz and declared that the recent passage through the canal by vessels of light draft held up when the slides occurred did not mean that the channel was ready for general traffic and a rush of ships to Panama would mean delay in shipments.

Not on Peace Mission.  
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 22.—President Wilson said today that European trip of Colonel E. M. House was announced in New York last night, was in no way connected with the peace movement and was entirely for the purpose House named in his statement last night.

Colonel House said the mission was to carry certain information personally to American ambassadors, regarding certain phases of the international situation.

Marshall's Treasury to Paris.  
Washington, Dec. 22.—Eighteen million francs constituting the Serbian treasury arrived here on the way to Paris. The money will be deposited in the Franco-Serbian bank.

## Two Held in Plot to Blow Up Welland Canal



The Welland Canal.

Paul Koenig, a German, and chief of detectives of the great Hamburg-American line, and R. E. Leyendecker, another German, have been arrested in New York city on the charge of plotting to blow up the Welland canal in Canada. The canal is of

great importance to the commerce of the dominion, and were it crippled much injury would be done to Canadian business.

Frederick Schindler, a clerk in the National City bank of New York, the largest bank in the United States if not in the world was arrested about

the same time. He was charged with having stolen official telegrams and letters from the bank about the shipment of arms to the allies, and with having delivered these to Koenig and Leyendecker. He was not accused in connection with the plot to destroy the canal.

## SECOND NOTE TO AUSTRIA ON SINKING OF THE ANCONA

London, Dec. 22.—A Vienna telegram forwarded by the Reuters correspondent, says the Neue Freie Presse announces the delivery of the second American note to the Austrian foreign ministry.

The text of the note, which Ambassador Penfield was instructed to deliver to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs reads as follows:

Department of State.  
Washington, Dec. 19, 1915.  
The government of the United States has received note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiernick, the chargé d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her

engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by this lawless act.

The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the com-

mander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it but to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the 6th of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them.

Lansing.

## PEACE TREATY BEEN SIGNED IN BASEBALL

FEDERAL LEAGUE AND ORGANIZED BALL ENDS  
DISASTROUS WAR

## LEAGUE CLUBS CHANGE HANDS

Chicago and St. Louis Federals  
Gain Control of National  
and Americans.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—The two major league clubs changed hands and all federal players were reinstated as 'be result of the peace treaty formed tonight between the Federal league and organized baseball, in which the Federal league, after baseball's most disastrous war, passed out of existence.

By the terms of agreement Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, purchased a controlling interest in the Chicago Nations from Charles P. Taft. Phil Ball, of the St. Louis Federals, gains control of the St. Louis Americans.

The federal players reinstated, except in the two cases above, doubtless will be sold to the highest bidder. Chicago and St. Louis will have to pick federal players in these cities. There is a rumor that Benny Kauff, federal star batter, becomes a Giant. The word federal interests in Brooklyn will be reimbursed \$100,000.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—It was learned here tonight that the Baltimore Federal league club officials will try to block the peace plans between the Federals and organized baseball by requesting that the antitrust suit before Judge Landis be not dissolved.

## VILLA'S WHEREABOUTS ARE STILL IN DOUBT

Villa Commander at Juarez Accepted Carranza Commission is Report.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Although the whereabouts of Villa are still in doubt, officials here seemed satisfied with the report from El Paso that General Osorio, Villa commander at Juarez, agreed to surrender his men and accepted a Carranza commission.

General Trevino, Carranza leader in the state of Chihuahua, according to Laredo reports, defeated the remaining Villa troops in a battle south of Chihuahua City, killing or capturing 900.

In Chihuahua it is believed that Villa is hiding in the mountains with a small band.

## SHOP EARLY CAMPAIGN DOES NOT HELP GIRLS

Atlanta, Dec. 21.—The "tired shop girl" who was supposed to be relieved by the usual "shop early" campaign in Atlanta is having as hard a time this week as she has ever had in the past. The volume of Christmas shopping is enormous and the total sales, it is expected, will exceed not only last year when times were supposed to be bad, but all former years, including those when everybody was supposed to have plenty of money.

The stores and streets are crowded from morning to night, and those who haven't already bought their Christmas presents, in which class nearly everybody seems to be, are having almost to fight their way to the counters.

Augusta Woman Suicides.  
Augusta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Mrs. F. L. Yarbrough, wife of the chief lay agent of the Georgia railroad is dead from a self-inflicted bullet wound, according to the police. The police are holding W. E. Spiegner, a street car motorman in accordance with the story of Yarbrough's attack. According to the police Yarbrough attacked Spiegner when he unexpectedly found him in his home at 12-30 this morning. Spiegner ran, Yarbrough pursued and when he returned found his wife dead.

## TWO KILLED IN DEPOT AT BATON ROUGE

SURVEYOR OF CUSTOMS AT  
NEW ORLEANS RUNS  
AMUCK

## KNOX KILLED FORMER PARTNER

Other Man Killed Was Pauper  
Being Sent Out of the  
City.

Baton Rouge, Dec. 22.—Robert L. Knox, surveyor of customs at the port of New Orleans, walked into the waiting room of the railroad depot here this afternoon and shot and killed Benjamin Foster, of Hattiesburg, Miss., attorney and former business associate and Alexander Franklin, a bystander. Foster, who was buying a ticket died instantly, while Franklin succumbed in twenty minutes.

Knox, who left the depot immediately and surrendered to the police, is said to have told the district attorney that "Foster had ruined his life." Relatives of Knox say that he developed mental trouble recently and has been in a Washington sanitarium.

Before Knox was made surveyor he was in a law firm with Foster in Lake Charles. Franklin was a pauper being sent by a charity organization to Donaldsonville.

## GERMANS PROTESTED ARMENIAN OUTRAGES

Doctor Barton Quotes Note to  
Turkish Government Reply  
to Von Reventlow.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the national committee for Armenian and Serbian relief, announced today that the German government, on August 9 renounced its treaty with Turkey on the treatment of the Armenians.

Dr. Barton made public the text of the German protest in answering Count von Reventlow, German naval expert, who recently defended the Turks on the ground of military expediency. The German note referred to Turkish acts as "massacres and horrors."

## AMERICAN FOREIGN TRADE MAKES RECORD

Washington, Dec. 22.—American foreign trade during November totaled half a million. Records were broken for the month on imports and exports according to the commerce department statement. A record of five billions for the past twelve months on exports and imports has been set.

The November imports were \$164,319,169 or eleven million more than the previous record made in 1912. The exports were \$331,144,597 the greatest for one month in the country's history. This exceeded the previous record made in October by over two millions.

The imports for twelve months ending November 20 were \$1,739,243,229 against \$1,353,245,077 for the previous year. Exports \$3,137,255,543 one and half billions over the preceding year and nearly a billion over two years ago.

French Says Farewell.  
Paris, Dec. 22.—Field Marshall Sir John French and a large audience with President Poincaré of France this afternoon. The meeting lasted half an hour. The visiting British commander was repeatedly cheered by the crowds which gathered.

## SABAN IN GOOD HEALTH

Paris, Dec. 22.—Inquiries at the Carat, Sabran, theatre today concerning the report that she was again through the wastage that she is in good health.